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THE PEKING RUMOUR.

SAID TO BE ABSOLUTELY UNTRUE.

Shanghai, October 14.
The rumour of a Monarchist coup in Peking is said to be absolutely untrue.
The capital and Tientsin are quite normal.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

A POLISH D'ANNUNZIO.

WANTS NEW COUNCIL RECOGNISED.

London, October 12.
It appears that General Zeligowski, who has captured Vilna, is acting the part of a Polish D'Annunzio. Reuter's Waraw correspondent states that he has sent a wireless message to the Government announcing the formation of an Administrative Council to exercise civil power in Central Lithuania and requesting the Government's recognition thereof.

POLISH PEOPLE APPROVE.

London, October 12.
General Zeligowski's coup de main has aroused popular enthusiasm in Poland, where the allocation of Vilna to Lithuania is declared to violate the principle of self-determination. The Polish Government, which was recently warned by Britain and France that an advance on Vilna would create serious political difficulties, is stated to have expressed strong disapproval of the coup de main.

The hope is semi-officially expressed in London that the Polish Government will take steps to compel the withdrawal of Zeligowski's forces.

The Echo de Paris states that Britain and France have decided to leave the dispute to the League of Nations, but is sending a joint Note to Poland, counselling moderation.

GOVERNMENT DISAVOWAL.

Paris, October 12.
M. Leon Bourgeois, President of the Council of the League of Nations, has telegraphed to the League's Military Mission in Lithuania asking for information with regard to the events at Vilna, with a view to action to terminate Zeligowski's occupation of Central Lithuania. The Mission has replied that the Polish Government has disavowed Zeligowski and expressed its readiness to take measures to end the incident.

COMMERCIAL AVIATION.

THE DUTY OF THE COLONIES.

London, October 12.
A three days' Conference promoted by the Air Ministry has been opened at the Guildhall for the purpose of reviewing the progress of civil aviation.

Major General Sykes opened the discussions, declaring that the watchwords of aerial navigation must be safety and reliability. He opined that mails formed the basis of civil aviation, from which constructional transport aspects would develop. He considered that the onus of linking up the Empire did not rest on Britain alone. Each Dominion and Colony must form its own nucleus of air development and thus gradually build up a complete system. He regarded the key routes of the Imperial system as England to Egypt and Egypt to India and advocated the trial of a commercial day and night service on the former route.

Mr. Churchill, presiding at a luncheon, said the Government intended to help civil aviation by every means in their power, but in the main, civil aviation must fly by itself and the function of the Government was to facilitate and stimulate its action. He declared his conviction that the future of British aviation would be great and bright.

ANTI-BOLSHEVICK RISINGS.

REVOLT-REPORTED SPREADING.

London, October 12.
The Times Warsaw correspondent reports that anti-Bolshevik risings in Russia are multiplying. From an exceptionally trustworthy source he learns that the peasants in the Saratov district have revolted in large numbers and that the Communists forces have so far failed to suppress them. Another peasant rising is reported from the Smolensk district, while Chinese troops are said to have stamped out a revolt at Kronstadt amid great bloodshed.

It is stated that Social Revolutionaries like Petrovsky, Spiridov, Martov and Tchernoff have assembled in Nijni Novgorod and denounced the Soviet and demanded the summoning of the Constituent Assembly.

THE PRINCE'S EMPIRE TOUR.

HIS MAJESTY'S EXPRESSION OF THANKS.

London, October 12.
His Majesty the King has sent a message to the Governors of Australia and New Zealand and the Governors of the British West Indian possessions thanking them for the universal affection and loyal enthusiasm shown to the Prince of Wales, adding "this and the previous tour have given him special opportunities to gain knowledge of our Overseas Dominions and Colonies and to become personally acquainted with their peoples. May such mutual intercourse create fresh ties of confidence and devotion between the Throne and the generations, present and future, of these great lands, and thus promote the unity, strength and prosperity of the Empire."

THE IRISH OUTRAGES.

USE OF MACHINE-GUNS AND BOMBS.

London, October 12.
The official report of the Kanturk ambush incident says the rebels, who numbered 150, used machine-guns, shot-guns and bombs, and killed one soldier and wounded six.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

THE THREATENED COAL STRIKE.

MINERS IGNORE MR. SMILLIE'S ADVICE.

London, October 13.

Although the full results of the miners' ballot will not be known till to-morrow, sufficient figures are to hand to show that the majority of miners throughout the country have disregarded Mr. Smillie's advice to give the mineowners' offer a trial and have plumped heavily against the datum line proposals, the majorities ranging from 10 to 1 in parts of South Wales to 2 to 1 in Northumberland.

The next move lies with the Executive of the Miners' Federation which is meeting in London to-morrow, when the moderates will put up a big fight in favour of peace by renewed negotiations and will urge that the wages claim should be submitted to an impartial tribunal. It is believed that this suggestion will be carried through, which will mean that another ballot of the men will probably be taken, and the strike is certain to be postponed, if not abandoned.

ADJUSTING THE REPARATION CLAIMS.

BODY OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS PROPOSED.

London, October 12.

Conversations were opened here yesterday between Mr. Lloyd George and the Belgian Premier, M. Delacroix. It is understood that the subject was German reparations, concerning which Britain and France are discussing the method of honouring the Spa decisions. It is stated that Britain proposes that the amount of the reparations should be determined by a body of experts specially appointed by the Governments concerned, including Germany, while France urges that the determining body should be chosen from the Reparations Commission.

According to a well-informed section of the French Press, M. Delacroix now suggests that both the Reparations Commission and the Ministers of Finance should meet at Brussels shortly to issue a joint report with regard to the indemnity.

BELGIUM'S GRATITUDE.

MONUMENT TO THE BRITISH NATION.

London, October 13.

In beautiful autumn weather, the memorial erected on the Thames Embankment to "the British Nation from the grateful people of Belgium" was unveiled by Princess Clementine of Belgium in the presence of a distinguished Anglo-Belgian conclave. Lord Curzon represented the British Government, while the notable Belgian delegation was headed by the Premier, M. Destracq, who delivered a speech warmly eulogising British assistance to Belgian refugees. It is noteworthy that to-day is the fifth anniversary of the murder of Nurse Cavell.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

THE MANDATE QUESTION.

London, October 13.

The meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, to be held at Brussels on the 20th, has before it a most comprehensive agenda, including the constitution of a permanent Mandates' Commission. It is expected that all States entrusted with mandates will be represented on the Commission, in addition to other States which will be included in order to place the mandatory Powers in a minority. A report will be prepared suggesting methods of appointment for submission to the General Assembly of the League.

GERMAN INDEPENDENT SOCIALISTS.

AN IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Berlin, October 12.

Over five hundred delegates attended the Independent Socialist Congress which opened at Halle to-day to decide acceptance or rejection of Moscow's conditions of adherence to the Third International. Herr Dittmann and Bräss, representing the opponents and adherents respectively, have been elected Presidents.

Herr Crispin, Chairman of the Party, declared that the main issue was whether the Party should retain its present character or be absorbed by the Communists. The decision has been temporarily deferred.

RUSSO-POLISH ARMISTICE.

PROLONGED PEACE NOT LIKELY.

Riga, October 12.

After three weeks of verbal sparring, the Armistice and Preliminary Peace between Russia and Poland were signed this evening in the medieval hall of "Blackheads." Public opinion here regards the agreement merely as a truce to avoid winter fighting and not as a permanent peace.

COST OF LIVING.

GOVERNMENT ACTION IN FRANCE.

Paris, October 12.

The Cabinet, under the presidency of President Millerand, has adopted several measures tending to bring about a general reduction in the cost of living, by regulating the sale and slaughtering of cattle, prosecuting speculators, fostering consumption of chilled meat and fish and the prohibition of exports of such products as butter and cheese. In every Province, a Consumers' Board is to be formed to institute measures especially suitable to the particular district—Havre.

FRANCE PETROLEUM TAX REPEALED.

Paris, October 12.

The tax of two francs per hectolitre of refined petroleum has been repealed—Havre.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

BIG GERMAN STRIKE.

600,000 MUNICIPAL WORKERS "OUT."

Berlin, October 12.

A big strike movement in Saxony is seriously pre-occupying the Government. It is estimated that 600,000 Municipal employees have ceased work, demanding higher wages. Leipzig, Dresden and Chemnitz are without gas, water, electricity or trams.

LATEST SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

JAVA VOLCANO IN ERUPTION.

SIX LIVES LOST.

Singapore, October 13.

The volcano at Merapi, Java, is in eruption. Six have been killed, 13 injured and six are missing.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM.

COMMISSION APPOINTED IN SINGAPORE.

Singapore, October 13.

The Legislative Council has appointed a Commission to consider Constitutional Reforms.

TO-DAY'S CHINESE TELEGRAMS.

Shanghai, October 13.

It is reported that Li Shun's suicide was partly on account of the Revolution in Peking and partly because of the doubtful attitude of his subordinates in regard to the situation. There are four principal clauses in his will:—1st, a request to the Government to appoint an able officer as his successor; 2nd, the appointment of Tsai Lit-yuen to act temporarily; 3rd, the division of his property into three equal parts for education, famine relief and the support of his family. Every concubine is to receive \$2,000 and is at liberty to marry again.

On the death of Li Shun, the Soochow people propose to take the opportunity to have the Tuchun system abolished.

Owing to Great Britain and the United States being the only two nations agreeing to the increase in the Customs Duty, for famine relief purposes, it is feared that the question will be dropped.

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A TALL STORY.

FAILURE TO CONVINCE MAGISTRATE.

Loiterers near the staircases of private houses, when arrested, usually put up a cock-and-bull story as to how they came to be there at late hours. One man who was arrested last night, hiding near the staircase of a house in Des Vaux Road, allowed his imagination to take flight, and with a patience that would have done credit to a stoic Mr. Dyer Ball, he explained the incident. It appears that he was sleeping in the street, and he felt cold, so he thought he could get some sleep at the bottom of the staircase of the house. That story would have been credible but when he had to give some explanation as to how he came into possession of a dagger, the real fun began. It was given to him, he said, by his fok, who was employed with him on a boat. As a matter of fact, the fok, who used the dagger for cutting things, forgot to take it with him on board and hence defendant came into possession of it. He did not know when the boat was sailing. Nobody told him what time she would leave, and hence after he had slept in the street he realised that his boat had gone. Mr. Dyer Ball realised that this was a farce of lies, and sent defendant to gaol for two weeks and confiscated the dagger.

Eleven motor car drivers were also up this morning before Mr. Dyer Ball for breaches of the traffic regulations. Fines ranging from \$10 to \$25 were imposed.

In one case, where injuries were caused to a pedestrian at Yaumati, Mr. Dyer Ball made the driver pay the injured man compensation of \$15.

MOTOR CASES.

ELEVEN DRIVERS FINED.

Mr. G. H. Wilson, of Messrs. Robertson, Wilson and Co., was this morning prosecuted before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Magistracy, with passing a stationary tram car in Queen's Road East. The Magistrate dismissed the case, holding that Mr. Wilson did not see the signal of the sergeant to stop.

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DAY BY DAY.

We are informed by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation that they have received a wire from their London Office stating:—"Government are issuing £15,000,000—Local Loans 3 per cent stock at 250—per cent not free of tax to foreign residents. List closes 18th October."

A.D.C. PRODUCTION.

BIG DEMAND FOR TICKETS.

The demand for advance tickets for the A.D.C's forthcoming Dunsany production in aid of the Famine Fund continues to be so great that those who are in possession of any unsold vouchers are earnestly requested to return them without delay to Mr. C. Blaikie, who is in charge of their distribution and can dispose of them immediately.

Sellers of advance tickets are reminded to send in the proceeds of their sales in any case not later than Monday 15th next.

Advance bookings open at 10 a.m. on the morning of Monday 15th next.

Thirty-five pounds of metal can make a coolie rich, for with the sale of the stuff he can buy himself many things, including his winter outfit. One such man who stole this quantity from the Taiwo Dock will have to spend a month in gaol. He tried to conceal the alloy in a tin of kerosene, and was arrested by the Indian watchman on duty. The man was going with other coolies to repair a water main in Upper Stanley Terrace at Taiwo, and the Indian, who had previously seen the defendant secreting the alloy, watched for the fellow and took him up to Mr. Bell, who kept the alloy in the office and let him go by misunderstanding. When the coolie went for the day he was fined and given over to the Docks.

TYphoon Warning.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 12.30 p.m. to-day.

Cyclone or typhoon E. of Laysan, less than 300 miles distant, direction unknown.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 44.14.

THE WEATHER.

From the Meteorological Department, 19th October.

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GENERAL NEWS.

MARRIAGE BOOM IN AUSTRIA.
The Vienna correspondent of the London *Observer* states that a large number of marriages are taking place every day and that the Catholic and Protestant churches and the synagogues the wedding last from early morning until late evening. But he says there is a similar increase in the number of divorces, which have risen 75 per cent. compared with the years before the war.

NELSON'S FLAG SHIP.

Nelson's old three-decker the "Victory," after many years' service as port guardship at

Portsmouth, is in a condition

which is causing the naval

authorities some anxiety. The

strain to which the vessel is

subjected at her present mooring

in the stream is considered too

severe for the ancient wooden

hull, and it may be necessary to

remove her to some more sheltered

position in the dockyard or

harbour, in the near future.

GENERAL NEWS.

DUTCH TAX ON FOREIGN SHIPPING.

The Minister of Finance in Holland has decided to draw up a Bill, which will be introduced into Parliament shortly, whereby foreign shipping calling at Dutch ports will be subjected to taxes.

WHEN PORT IS NOT PORT.

For selling wine labelled "Fine Old Lisbon Port" a London wholesaler was fined £10 and costs, the prosecution emphasising the fact that no wine may now be called "port" which is not imported from the Douro district under license of the Portuguese authorities.

SUCCESS OF MUNICIPAL SAVINGS BANK.

The pioneer Municipal Bank at Birmingham, established during the war to encourage savings largely among munition workers earning high wages, has been a big success, about a million pounds standing to the credit of depositors. Some 450 advances for house purchase, covering £120,000, have been made.

SEVEN DAYS ASLEEP.

Two cases of sleeping sickness are reported from Neath, one of which has proved fatal. Mrs. Mary Cooke, aged 41, died recently after being asleep for over a week. She was first treated for neuralgia, but the sleeping sickness developed in a few days. In the second case the victim is recovering. The doctors are unable to explain the appearance of the sickness.

CIGARETTE TRAGEDY.

It was started at an inquest at Grimsby recently on Susannah Bingham, who died in hospital from extensive burns, that she had been in the habit of smoking special cigarettes for asthma. She told the nurses in hospital that she fell asleep on the couch with a lighted cigarette in her hand, and on awaking found her clothing on fire. A verdict of accidental death was returned.

ONE COTTAGE—15 PEOPLE.

Fifteen people are living in one of the Chertsey Rural Council's own cottages, according to the medical officer. He reported at the council meeting that a cottage at West-end, Chobham, contained the following:—Three adults and four children—front bed-room. Four girls, two over 10—back bedroom. Man and two sons—third bedroom. Boy kitchen. The council decided to reduce the number of occupants at once.

HARNESSING A RIVER.

Preliminary work is being carried out on the development of the Bridge River electrical power site, at Lillooet, British Columbia, the total expenditure on which will total £6,000,000. Plans for a tunnel a mile and a half long under Mississauga Mountain are being prepared. The fall will be 1,400 feet, and an estimated horse-power of 400,000 will be developed. With the exception of Niagara Falls and Victoria Falls, this will be the biggest power site in the world.

SCHOOL FOR WOMEN CITIZENS.

At the Summer School organized by the National Union of Societies for Equal Citizenship recently in session at Ruskin College, Oxford, the first of four courses of lectures on "The Economic Position of Women," "Local Government," "The League of Nations," and "Economics of Domestic Life" were given by Mrs. Stocks, B.Sc., Miss Eleanor Rathbone, C.C., J.P., Miss Helen Ward, D.L.A., and Mrs. McIlroy, M.A. Nearly 100 students are attending the school, exclusive of Oxford residents, and they include women from all parts of Great Britain, as well as from Sweden, Japan, France, Australia, and America.

TREATMENT OF APPRENTICES.

In his presidential address at the annual conference of the Institution of British Foundrymen at Glasgow, Mr. Matthew Riddell made some pointed criticisms on the treatment of present-day youths and apprentices. Discussing the technical education side, he said he did not agree with the present-day idea of carrying boys to school in permanent ambulances and taking them home in motor cars. The world was never made by people getting things easily. Nowadays there was more talk about striking than working. He deprecated the showing of apprentices time off their work for educational purposes.

Apprentices, he contended, should be willing to make some sacrifice in their leisure time towards the perfecting of themselves for their career in life.

INCREASE IN POLAND'S FORCES.

Our astonishment was the more justified, seeing that the divergence of views in this case is one

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

Premier to Mr. Asquith.

London, Oct. 11.
Mr. Lloyd George has now issued a very brief reply to Mr. Asquith's statement. The Premier declines to take notice of Mr. Asquith's statement, adding "There is my speech for all to read who care to. I merely say that I notice no mention by Mr. Asquith of the Belgian policy of murder."

SULTAN'S BIG DIAMOND.

New York, Oct. 11.
What is stated to be the largest diamond ever imported into the United States arrived aboard the Aquitania in the possession of Fred Whittemore, manager of the Madrid branch of the Mercantile Bank of America, for disposal on account of Abdul Hamid, ex-Sultan of Morocco. The diamond, light straw in colour, is a perfect stone weighing 183 carats.

THE CHINESE CONSORTIUM.

Washington, Oct. 10.
At a meeting in Messrs Morgan's New York office in connection with the Chinese Consortium, Mr. W. Lamont will represent the United States; Sir Charles Addis, Britain; the resident member of the French High Commission, France; and two special representatives from Japan.

CUBA FINANCIAL CRISIS.

Havana, Oct. 10.
There has been a run on several banks here. The International Bank of Cuba has suspended payments and the Havana Exchange has also suspended operations during the crisis, which is attributed to heavy loans on sugar when it was at highwater price.

SOCIALISTS TURNED DOWN.

Stockholm, Oct. 10.
The Swedish Liberal Party rejected the Socialists' proposal to enter a Coalition Government with them.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondents.)

SUGAR PRICES TRUST.

Singapore, October 13.
The sugar speculators of Java are trying to form a trust to keep up prices. Their success is doubtful.

RUSSIA'S AMAZING REPLY.

only of interpretation of a peace term, about which understanding exists between us and the above Governments.

We find it really strange that a question of interpretation of a principle already agreed upon should give rise to a step of this character.

After the limitation of the Polish army to 50,000 men had been recognized by the British Government as a just term of peace, it is on our part a concession to Poland that we admit besides this number the formation of an armed civic militia, which is, in fact, a supplementary armed force.

We therefore find it astonishing that an increase in Poland's forces has aroused the British Government's indignation.

Seeing that the British Government declares peace through Eastern Europe to be its aim, we can point to the fact that the workers in Poland have for a long time been the one force steadfastly opposed to the Polish Government's policy, and have in repeated resolutions demanded peace with Russia.

If, nevertheless, the British Government so forcibly oppose strengthening this fundamental pillar of peace, it clearly shows with what distrust it regards workers.

If the Government, indeed, think that workers must be by nature animated with the doctrines of Bolshevism, such a point of view will undoubtedly be welcomed by those who look forward to the spreading of Bolshevism in Britain.

We note especially that these Governments, which have so often accused the Russian Government of interfering in the internal affairs of other States, have, in this communication, issued a piece of propaganda directed against our institutions, which constitutes an act of interference in Russian affairs sufficient to justify corresponding action by us.

The desire of the workers and peasants' Government for peace is, however, so paramount that, in spite of the natural resentment that must be caused by the above communication,

The Soviet Government has decided not to insist upon this point, but fully to meet the wishes of the British and Italian Governments; and in spite of their unusual action, it still hopes to establish permanent relations of peace and goodwill with them as soon as possible.

WILLING TO TREAT.

We first of all declare that we never considered our terms as an ultimatum, and are still, as we have been all the time, willing to discuss them with the Polish Government.

This discussion will take place between us and the Polish Government, with whom alone we are treating for peace. Any undertaking which we may give in this matter will therefore be given to Poland alone.

In view, nevertheless, of our earnest desire to attain the important result for the world's welfare and peace arising from peace with Great Britain, we are willing to inform the British Government that the Russian Government has resolved to make a concession on this point.

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GERMAN COURT ROMANCE.

CROWN PRINCESS'S
AMERICAN LOVER.

An extraordinary story of a German Court romance is told by Princess Catherine Radziwill in her new book, "The Illusions of a Crown Princess" (John Lane). It is suggested that there is a mysterious American who for years has been devoted to the ex-Crown Princess of Germany.

According to the story, the American first met the Crown Princess at a dance at Cannes, and told her that she would make a mistake if she married the Crown Prince, who was utterly unworthy of her. Her next meeting with him was at Cairo.

The Crown Princess, who by that time had realised that her unknown friend's warning was justified, had taken her unhappy thoughts out into the desert and was looking into the inscrutable face of the Sphinx when she was surprised to hear the voice of the American greeting her.

A LETTER FROM PARIS.

He tried to comfort her when she revealed something of her unhappiness, and, again assuming her of his readiness to serve her in any way in his power, he kissed her hand and disappeared.

It was not very long before the Crown Princess had evidence that her mysterious friend was watching her movements.

She had almost determined, so unhappy was her life with the Crown Prince, to leave him and go back to her mother, but just when her powers of endurance were at an end, she received by post one day a typewritten letter. The post-mark was Paris—the letter was short and unsigned. It ran:

"In your own interest I urge you to return to Berlin. You would commit an irreparable mistake if you delayed doing so. In remembrance of the Sphinx, I entreat you to follow my advice."

The Crown Princess took the advice of the anonymous writer, and went back to Berlin with the letter concealed in a little silk bag hung round her neck.

"LITTLE WILLIE'S" WRATH.

Things for the moment were patched up between her and the Crown Prince, until the latter one day discovered her looking at the letter. He tore it from her, accused her of being unfaithful, and, in his rage, thrashed her with a riding whip until she was rescued by her servants.

During the war there came another mysterious message from Switzerland, this also was unsigned. It told the Crown Princess, in the fewest possible words, that two women, the Countess Belleville and Mademoiselle Thullier, who had been condemned to death with Nurse Cavell, had not yet been executed, and ended with the appeal—

"Won't you, in remembrance of the Sphinx, make an effort to save their lives?"

The Princess at the behest of her anonymous correspondent personally pleaded with the Kaiser for the lives of these two women.

IN HER LOVER'S ARMS.

Then came the revolution. The Princess, practically cast off by her husband, was brooding one day over her future, when she was told that a strange man, apparently a foreigner, asked to be received.

Thinking that it was the bearer of another insulting message from the Crown Prince, the Princess ordered that he be shown in. Her caller was the American whom she had parted from in the shadow of the Sphinx many years ago.

In his arms she sobbed out her sorrows, and he did not leave her until she had promised to become

RAILWAYS AND THE PUBLIC.

DEMAND FOR ROYAL
COMMISSION.

Discussing railways and their obligation to the public at the British Association meeting Mr. J. H. Garstang, hon. secretary of the National Association of Railway Travellers, contended that transit and transport must no longer be regarded as commercial commodities governed by commercial conventions and traditions.

Whoever was entrusted with their maintenance must administer them as trustees for the community, and be answerable to the community for their conduct. The further increase of a farthing a mile on passenger fares might or might not have been necessary.

The essential point was that the recommendations on which they were based proceeded from a tribunal which was unrepresentative and overloaded with railway influence. Nothing less than a Royal Commission, composed of trusted and experienced men, representing every section of the community, charged with a searching investigation into the present condition of the railways, was necessary.

The pernicious effect and the extent of the banker of railway patronage and largesse were but dimly, if at all, appreciated by the uninitiated. The urgency of pressing the Government for the appointment of a commission could not be overestimated.

Less than twelve months remained for the determining of the permanent rates, and it would be nearly Christmas before the personal of the commission could be settled and work started. In the meantime the danger of leaving the issues to the ineffective Rates Advisory Committee or the ineffective proposed Departmental Committee was a very serious one. Influences would be at work to block the proposed commission by pushing on the work of the one and speeding up the appointment of the other.

WAGES ON MERCHANT SHIPS.

INCREASES WANTED
AT HOME.

A crisis has arisen in the British merchant shipping service affecting all ranks and ratings, who complain (the Central News is informed) that consideration of their claims for increased pay has been persistently delayed by the shippers. There is at present a minimum wage scale of \$20 per month on the basis of which all seafarers are paid.

Claims for an increase have now been presented through their respective organisations by all the officers, from captains downwards, and by the engineers, stokers, and seamen.

The engineers are asking for an immediate increase of 50 per cent. on current monthly rates, and declare that they will not wait until September for the bearing of their claim. Officers

are demanding an increase of 40 per cent. in their pay, and the seamen and firemen have put forward a graded scale giving increases of between 30 and 40 per cent. Shipowners are reported to be aghast at the demands.

his wife as soon as she could obtain a divorce from the Crown Prince.

Who is this American? The Princess Radziwill keeps the secret even on the last page. "It is still too early," she says, "to tell the name under which this daughter of the Emperor will be known in the near future."

BEER FRONTIER.

PUBLIC-HOUSES OUT OF
BOUNDS TO POLICE.

Members of the West Sussex Constabulary have no fault to find with the late Sir W. S. Gilbert's statement that "a policeman's lot is not a happy one."

At police headquarters at Horsham, the chief constable has issued instructions that no man whether on or off duty is to enter licensed premises in the division in which he did duty. "There is no restriction," it was stated, "against an officer off duty crossing into a neighbouring division for refreshment, and he may, of course, have intoxicants in his own home."

The deputy chief constable whimsically added that there was considerable competition among the men for duty in the villages on the borders of the divisions.

The attention of the Home Secretary was drawn to the matter, and he stated that he did not propose to interfere with the discretion of the local authorities who had made the regulation.

A robust and round officer said that he did not think much of the "neighbouring village concession."

"Just think of it," he said. "I live within a few yards of a comfortable little publichouse, but I dare not go in there, and have to walk miles to get a drink. Think what it costs me—no, there are no tramways or omnibuses; I don't mean that, I mean what it costs to quench my thirst. I am thirsty when I start and more thirsty when I get there. Then on top of it all I have to walk back and get thirsty again. Why, once I was so thirsty that I had to walk all the way back again for another drink."

DEATH OF A FAMOUS ETCHER.

THE LATE ANDERS ZORN.

The death of Anders Zorn removes one of the outstanding contributors to contemporary art. Although successful as painter in oils and water-colours, it is by his etchings that he will be chiefly remembered. Glasgow collectors were among the first in the United Kingdom to be admirers of Zorn's etchings, and the first exhibition of his works was held in Glasgow in 1909. The most important collections of his work are still held in and around Glasgow and their value has increased enormously within recent years.

Zorn was born at Mora, in Sweden, and first studied at the Academy of Fine Arts, Stockholm. During a tour of Spain, Italy, and England, he was chiefly occupied with painting in water colours, but it was while in England between 1883 and 1888 that he learned the etcher's art from his fellow-countryman, Mr. Eric Haig.

His portraiture work and peasant studies in oil gained him early recognition, and his first exhibited oil painting was a group of Cornwall fisher folk, which now hangs in the Luxembourg. He received commissions from the Swedish Royal Family, and many celebrated people in England and America, for portrait painting, and from 1883 to 1891 he was a fairly regular exhibitor at the Royal Academy in London.

Zorn proved himself versatile as a sculptor, and probably his best known work is the statue to Gustavus Vasa, which stands in his native town in the Province of Dalecarlia. By the perfection of his technique he was able to give a wonderful feeling of "modelling" to his face and figure studies.

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THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, which holds its annual meeting this evening, issues the following report for the 1919-20 season:

REPORT OF GENERAL COMMITTEE.

The bar profit for the year is \$407.29, an increase of \$149.49 over the previous year.

Subscriptions from Rowing and Sailing Members are up \$25.00, while subscriptions from Bathing Members are increased by \$300.

Entrance fees for sailing events totalled \$450.00, against which, of course, the sum of \$473.00 has been expended on Championship prizes.

Subscriptions amounting to \$782 were collected to meet the cost of Regatta, and only just failed to do so by \$14.20.

Interest on Bank Fixed Deposit and Current Account is \$70.00.

The total amount of income is \$5,397.35, an increase of \$1,845.31.

Expenditure in connection with all sections of the Club has in consequence increased, added to which there has been additional expenditure on repairs to the seawall amounting to \$242.75, while the boats and cars have been depreciated \$250, making a total expenditure of \$5,287.24. The net profit on the year's working \$310.11, which is carried to Reserve Account must, therefore, be considered very satisfactory.

The Club's assets as shown by the balance sheet have been increased by \$2,509.82, principally accounted for by the electric installation, 5 new boats and sundry gymnasium gear donated by our worthy and generous Commodore, Mr. Frank Smyth.

The usual number of debentures have been redeemed and the amount now due to debenture holders including unclaimed dividends is \$15,885.40.

Entrance fees have been unusually large, the sum derived from this source \$376.00 which, together with the cost of additional assets defrayed by Commodore Smyth \$1,529.05, and the net profit for the year \$310.11, brings the Reserve Account up to \$4,220.13. There is now no Fixed Deposit the sum of \$1,000.00 and a Current Account of \$1,281.36.

REPORT OF BATHING COMMITTEE.

The General Committee decided to again open the Club to approved bathing members and a very successful season ensued.

The usual bathing and dressing facilities were provided, and the arrangements, especially the electric fans, were much appreciated by the 84 persons who joined.

A pleasing feature of the season has been the number of children who, with their parents, have made use of the Beach.

It is satisfactory to note that the sand beach is improving every year as a result of the attention paid to it.

REPORT OF BOATING COMMITTEE.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club

CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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THE Steamship

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All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be landed in Frank Waterhouse & Co's godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on Oct. 18th, at 2.30 p.m.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer or godowns. Goods remaining undelivered after Oct. 20th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 18th Oct. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 1st November, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

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Hongkong, 12th October, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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s.s. "WEST JENA" From SEATTLE

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The Steamship "WEST JENA"

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Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before bills of lading will be counter-signed.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns until Thursday, October 14th, 1920, when they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday October 14th, 1920.

Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyor, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognised. No claims will be recognised after the goods have left the Godowns and cargo undelivered on and after 14th October, 1920, will be subject to rent.

Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature immediately.

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 25th inst. or they will not be recognised.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst. at 10 a.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Claims will not be accepted unless cargo is so examined by said Surveyor, prior to the above date.

All claims must be presented within a month of the steamer's arrival here, after which they will not be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

All goods remaining after October 14th, 1920, will be subject to rent.

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DEFENCE OF THE SUEZ CANAL

HOW THE NEW PALESTINE CAN ASSIST

The provisional agreement between the Milner Commission and Zaghlul Pasha involves a strategical as well as a political revolution, remarks a correspondent in the Manchester Guardian. The political revolution explains itself; the strategical is not so obvious. We went to Egypt because of the Suez Canal. For countless ages before the Suez Canal was dug, traffic between Europe and Asia went in large measure across the neck into which Palestine and Egypt narrows. There were two routes, one up the Gulf of Akaba and through Palestine (the route which helped Solomon and the Crusaders to their wealth); the other across the Isthmus of Suez and through Egypt. Of these the Suez route was the more important, because the shorter, easier, and more secure. So long as it was a land route it did not specially interest England, the greatest Power. We did our traffic with Asia and kept our communications with India and Australasia via the Cape. Once the Canal was dug it became of the first importance to us. It created a short sea-road, then our commerce and communications were by so much the easier and more secure. If some Power other than ourselves controlled the Canal, then our commerce and our communications were exposed. It was the knowledge of this which, rightly or wrongly, took us to Egypt and has kept us there. Egypt was the base from which we could defend the Canal. It had little other meaning for us. Our economic interests in the country were few and less than those of other countries.

No we have abandoned Egypt as the base for the defence of the Canal. That is one part of the meaning of the Milner Agreement with Zaghlul. The Army of Occupation is to be removed from Egypt, and a small garrison is to be distributed along the Canal.

It needs no argument that 2,000 or 3,000 men scattered about the Canal zone, a waste of very uninviting sand, do not constitute a strategic bulwark of the waterway.

Apart from the fact that to defend the Canal on

the Canal itself is to put the Canal out of action, the small force on the Canal can only be an advance post. It must look somewhere else for its reserves in time of anxiety; it must have near at hand a station in which the troops can recuperate from the trying desert climate; it must have a secure market for supplies. Egypt under the new political conditions can no longer serve these purposes. What is to take her place? Obviously Palestine. Palestine is to take Egypt's place for the future as the bulwark of the Suez Canal. The imperial Colossus is to transfer the weight from one leg to the other.

The headquarters of the Suez zone garrison are to be at Kantara. At Kantara the broad-gauge railway built during the war starts on its way across the desert to Palestine. At present you can travel in a train de luxe by that line all the way, without changing carriages, to Haifa-Haifa, which is destined to be the chief part on the Levantine coast. When the Jerusalem-Jaffa line is widened you will be able to travel from Kantara to Jerusalem and Jaffa without a change. The Principal military centre in Palestine is near Ramleh, a mile or two from Ludd, where the Kautara-Haifa and Jerusalem-Jaffa lines intersect. The Palestinian communications, therefore, behind Kantara and the Suez Canal are all in being. They are not very long and they are very reasonably secure. The desert railway traverses an uninhabited country and therefore is safe from attack. Let it be added that there are economic possibilities of a high order in part of the country tapped by the Kantara-Haifa railway, and of a somewhat special kind.

Already the salubrious character of Palestine has set up the practice of stationing in Palestine part of the reserve of the Army of Egypt. When the policy is fully executed of making Palestine, not Egypt, the bulwark of the Suez Canal, this tendency will be accentuated, and a large part of the Palestine garrison will have to be reckoned not to Palestinian but to Imperial needs. This distinction is important at a time when the taxpayer regards jealously every penny which is spent, and especially on military expenditure. But a wise statesmanship will look a little farther for its economies. The Palestine which is the secur-

est and the cheapest defence of and reserve for the Suez Canal is a Palestine which, like the self-governing Dominions, shall be filled by a devoted, laborious, zealous population, loyal to the mandatory Power, passionately attached to its own land, and equal to the control of its own affairs. Such a Palestine can only be a Jewish Palestine.

The necessary concomitant of our new Imperial strategy is to facilitate the most rapid development of the new Jewish Palestine. Only the Jewish nation can develop the resources of the country to their utmost and give all the other guarantees essential. But if the Jewish Palestine is to be apt for the part allotted to it in the new strategy, it must be a Palestine the potential strength of which is equal to the task. That means that the boundaries must be the right boundaries. They must include the core and castle lands of Transjordania, the first, historically, of Jewish settlements and some of the healthiest and best lands in the Near East, and they must include the water resources which are the key to the future. Water means irrigation and electric power. Irrigation means agriculture where now is sterility; electric power means industry where now is idleness. Since the deposition of the Emir Feisal by the French, all Transjordania is in anarchy and the eastern frontier is in the melting-pot. It can hardly be doubted that here the British Government will see to it that Palestine has justice. The water sources are in the north—the Litany River, the Jordan, Lake Tiberias, the Yarmuk River. Here the French are putting forward claims which must have the effect and can hardly but have the aim of cutting Palestine off from all its chief water supplies.

That is to deny any industrial future at all to Palestine and the best of her agricultural future. The French Imperialists invoke the Sykes-Picot agreement in reply to every consideration of justice and even prudence. Upon this point there cannot be any yielding. However the frontiers of Palestine are drafted on the north and northeast, they must leave Palestine the mistress of her own waters. Upon that we must insist. The needs of our Imperial strategy demand it not less than our duty to that. Jewish Palestine for which we have accepted the mandate.

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BIRTHS.

HALL.—At 110 The Peak, on October 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hall, a son.

CASTRO.—At No. 3 Seymour Terrace, Hongkong, on 14th October, 1920, to Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Castro, a son. (Macao, Shanghai and Lisbon papers please copy).

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. Simon M. Payne and family beg to tender thanks to the following for their expressions of sympathy on the death of the late Edward F. Payne—the British and Portuguese staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Barnes and family, and also to all those others not known who sent expressions of sympathy.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1920.

UNSETTLED CHINA.

Whether or not there be any truth in the rumour we published yesterday from Shanghai sources that Chiang Tso-lin has entered Peking and has proclaimed, or is plotting to proclaim, the resurrection of monarchical rule, one thing is certain—namely, that conditions in China are at the moment in as unsettled a state as they have been for many a long day. This, in spite of the recent overthrow of the Anfu Party in the North and the attempted ousting of Kwangtung officials in Canton. Indeed, a Chinese observer of the current affairs tells us that, in his opinion, so far from the country reaching the end of its troubles, we are now really at the beginning of them. In Chinese circles, the name of a string of fireworks is being used to illus rate what is happening. The fuse of the fire-cracker, they say, was lit at the first Revolution, since when the string has been spluttering away much as fireworks do: now the fire is gradually reaching the headpiece, and shortly we may expect the full force of the final explosion to be heard. Whether the parallel is a true one, we should not like to say, but nevertheless that is the picturesque manner in which the Chinese are viewing present-day tendencies.

In order to appreciate the full significance of the latest rumours, it is wise to recall that Chiang Tso-lin, who is Tucun of Fungtung, and Tso Kuan, Tuchun of Canton, aided by General Wu Pui-fu, were prominent figures in the recent Peking coup which brought about the downfall of the Anfu or Militarist Party. Their campaign caused General Hsu, the Chief of the General Staff, to give up office and seek refuge in the Japanese Legation, whilst at the same time it smashed the Anfu Party and brought about the flight from Peking of its leaders, none of whom were later arrested. It was then thought that, with the complete routing of the Militarists, peace and reconstruction would have a chance in the North, but now comes the surprising rumour that Chiang Tso-lin has once again thrown himself into the foreground by championing the Monarchist cause, whilst his former companion, Tso Kuan, has fled South. That would appear to suggest that these two so-called progressive liberators have severed relationships, and that the beliefs that have long been held as to Chiang being a Monarchist at heart have not been without foundation. That he is a strong man, with ample military support behind him, is generally admitted, and some have even gone so far as to say that in his intrigues on behalf of Monarchism he has been backed up by the Japanese and by the Mongolian Princes. Be that as it may, it is quite clear that he is still a factor to be reckoned with in the troubled conditions prevailing in the North.

If we come South, we see that here also the situation is by no manner of means composed. We are, indeed, informed that even Canton is divided against itself, Hounan bearing allegiance to the new Cantonese Tuchun, Admiral Tang, whilst Canton City regards Mok Wing-sun (the Kwangtung man) as the authorised Military Governor. Mok, it appears, has not yet handed over the seal of office to Tang, nor has he shown any disposition to leave Canton with his Kwangtung troops. He still demands two million dollars as the price of his effacement. Meantime, the commercial community is said to have cast a new Military Governor's seal which it has presented to Tang, so that there are at present two Tuchuns in Canton, each with a seal of office! Even if Mok should eventually leave with his troops, it is feared that there will be further disturbances, first, as to who shall hold the substantive posts of Tuchun and Civil Governor, then regarding the appointment of Defence Commissioners and then as to magisterial appointments, as the Defence Commissioners are likely to insist on "choosing the magistrates for the districts within their jurisdiction. So wherever we look it is the old, old story of disturbance upon disturbance, intrigue upon intrigue, with no seeming end to the process. These are assuredly dark days for China. We wonder when, if ever, the clouds are going to lift.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

OUR REPLY.

Readers of our paper, and they are many, will have doubtless noticed that we seldom make reply to the very frequent gibe which our evening contemporary thinks it clever to deliver against us. The truth is that, generally, we have more serious business to attend to than to concern ourselves with those who think it funny to call us "children" and who use with amusing frequency the epithets "kindergarten" and "juvenile." If it gives the chief writer of the *China Mail* any satisfaction to indulge in such piffle stuff we wouldn't rob him of it for the world. Youth is better than senility, anyhow. But, over this question of the sale of Bank Buildings (which our contemporary rightly points out was a news "scoop" for us) there has been such utter nonsense written that we feel obliged to expose some of it. The facts are just these:—In June last, our correspondent "Ajax" indicated in his weekly notes that a sale of Bank Buildings was imminent. He had gleaned certain facts and had heard of certain negotiations that he made use of in a perfectly legitimate way. The *China Mail* writer then came out with a screed of supposedly humorous and certainly vindictive comment in which he said that "Ajax" was "a half-educated, probably quite young man, lacking in balance, altogether reckless as to facts and incapable of analysing applications of facts." That was pretty good going, but the reason *d'etre* of all this was that Mr. Bellios, who is executor of the property in question, had informed *them* that there was not a word of truth in the report. Why our contemporary could not have contented itself with publishing a simple disclaimer, instead of padding out its "Adversaria" column by three long paragraphs full of cheap taunts, is perhaps best known to itself. The writer of "Adversaria" himself said of the report "there isn't and we *got* a word of truth in it!" Hongkong now knows that there was truth in it and that what "Ajax" wrote as being a probability has developed into an actuality.

A MERE QUIBBLE.

In last evening's *China Mail* there was an article somewhat taking us to task for having mentioned in our report of the property deal that our contemporary had denied "Ajax's" report. Why shouldn't we mention it? The *China Mail* writer did deny it, and deny it very emphatically. It's merely a quibble to say that he only published Mr. Bellios' communiqué and we invite the clever writer of the denial to look up his own statement on the matter. Our correspondent "Ajax" made mention of a London syndicate, and this is now cited by the *Mail* as one of the false statements he made. Was it? We have it from Mr. Watson, the local head of the A.P.C., that his Head Office in London was being closely consulted in the matter and that negotiations have been going on for some months. At the time our correspondent gave us his report, full details were not known, but the main facts he gave have been proved to be facts. It is sheer side-stepping for the *China Mail* now to suggest that the deal has been put through during Mr. Bellios' absence from the Colony without his consent. The negotiations were in progress before Mr. Bellios left the Colony and he must have known of them.

OUR CIRCULATION.

Our contemporary complains that we haven't played "cricket" in this matter. We should like to know where its sense of cricket is. Is it alone to have the privilege of telling other people they are wrong? We can scarcely believe that Mr. Bellios ever told the *China Mail* that he preferred to make disclaimers in that paper because of its "larger circulation." If he did, his local knowledge is decidedly out-of-date. Let us take this opportunity of telling Mr. Bellios and the Hongkong public generally that *The Telegraph* has had for years, and still has, a much larger circulation than the *China Mail*, and that to-day our actual sales figures are higher than they have ever been in the history of the paper. We can, and are prepared to, prove this publicly, if need be. Perhaps this will put a stop to the very frequent boasting published by our contemporary regarding its "wonderful circulation." When our contemporary

DAY BY DAY.

STRIVE PUTS INTO A MAN THAT WHICH NOTHING ELSE CAN, THAT IS, INDEPENDENCY.—J. M. Blaik.

Two non-fatal cases of diphtheria (one British and one Chinese) were notified yesterday.

Motorists will be pleased to learn that the road round the island is being re-opened for traffic on Saturday next.

While a Chinese was walking down a pavement near the seaside near Aberdeen he slipped and fell into the harbour and was drowned.

There was another motor-cycle accident yesterday on the road to Repulse Bay when a Chinese woman, 40 years of age, was knocked down by motor cycle No. 130. She was removed to the Tung Wah hospital.

Gunner Pearson, who was charged on remand with unlawfully converting to his use a gold finger ring which was entrusted to him by a Chinese woman and with failing to pay the hire of a motor boat, was this morning sentenced by Mr. Dyer Ball to one month's imprisonment on the first count, and fined \$10 or days on the other count. Mr. Dyer Ball said imprisonment would do the defendant good.

A young Chinese woman, charged with committing suicide, was brought before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning. The Magistrate told the husband of the girl that had it not been for the prompt rescue by Mr. Charles Young his wife would have been drowned. He therefore owed a debt of gratitude to the rescuer. The husband thanked Mr. Young in Court. Mr. Dyer Ball bound the girl over in a bond of \$50 for six months to be of good behaviour.

A Catholic religious procession, similar to that which took place in Kowloon last week, will commence from Caine Road on Sunday at 4.30 in afternoon. Motor cars will not be allowed to use the road along Caine Road from Glenelg to Lower Castle Road between 4.30 and 5 o'clock. People going out to Repulse Bay in motor cars will do well to travel via Queen's Road to No. 7 Police Station and then up to the main road.

A Chinese who was charged this morning, before Mr. Dyer Ball, at the Magistracy, with stealing three packets of cigarettes from a stall on Des Voeux Road, blandly told the Magistrate that he stole these because he had nothing to eat. "Oh, nothing to smoke, you mean," corrected Mr. Ball. The defendant explained: "No, I am sick. I cannot smoke. I used to be a bricklayer, but now I have no work. I wanted to steal the cigarettes to get 10 cents to buy something for myself to eat." This did not melt Mr. Dyer Ball's heart, and he sent the fellow to goal for two weeks.

The father of a Chinese lad who is out of employment was led to believe that conductors were required by the Tramway Company. One Chinese who went with another to the father represented that he could get his son into the Hongkong Tramway Company, but on condition that a deposit of \$50 was made by the father. This was done, and the father, son, and the two other fellows went together to Queen's Building, where the father and son were asked to wait outside, while the other two went upstairs to the Hongkong Tramway office to fix up the job for the young man. As these two took a considerable time in coming back, the father went to see what had happened, and found one of the men trying to make good his escape. He arrested him, but the man who received the \$50 was nowhere to be found.

speaks of innuendos "childish, silly and mean" we cannot but regard it as a case of ill-considered revenge, engendered by its disappointment at being beaten in the open news market of the Colony, an experience which frequently befalls it. Both its original denial of "Ajax's" story and its latest effusion, been attributed to one circumstance—it was "scooped" and it didn't like it!

ROSEMARY AND RUE.

(BY "TONY.")

MOVIE MOVEMENTS.

There is no ray of sunshine in the cinema sky of Hongkong, and it is shed direct from the enterprising little house of the big picture. The Colony has been faced with the virtual extinction of its most popular form of amusement, or at the least with the prospect of a famine in the movies. Now it is rumoured that, with characteristic enterprise, the Coronet management contemplates the erection of a new and up-to-date picture house which will be the City Hall looking like a seed potato in a florist's shop, and which will be a credit in every way to this beautiful city of ours. You should have heaps of support in your new venture, H. W. Go ahead. Another little picture show won't do us any harm.

AND NOW YOU KNOW.

The French definition of the word "gentleman" is: "A man who, without being noble by race, has lofty sentiments, elegant manners and does noble acts." Surely the "elegant manners" qualification is unnecessary. However, we must improve our powers of observation when wandering around the Colony.

THE DEATHLESS LEGIONS.

When you sit alone in the evening gloom
In the deathly silence of the big back room,
Your fancy flees to the dear dead chums.
When lo! You hear the ghostly drums
Of the deathless legions marching by;
You see them grinning you can hear them sigh.
And the tap, tap, tap,
And the rap, rap, rap
Of the ghostly drums;
You can see your chums
In the deathless legions marching by.

As the dead men pass in the misty view,
They rattle and creak as they nod to you.
They touch your arm with their ghostly hands;
But they march on with their deathless bands,
Playing the marches you know so well.
But they cannot stay for a quiet spell.
For they seek, seek, seek
The something for which they always sigh.
Those deathless legions marching by.

TOTE OR DYE?

Modern life is progressive. There is no doubt about that. We introduce machinery these days for nearly every mortal thing. We ride, fly, do mathematics, send messages and amuse ourselves by machinery. The modern worker becomes more and more a machine himself as our systems are improved and perfected. It is true we do not eat by mechanical means, but if anything goes wrong with our gastronomical or other organs a machine is used to photograph our interiors, and all kinds of instruments are delicately handled in the subsequent operations. A few days ago a local writer, reviewing the Gynkhana, praised the totalitarist as an obvious advantage over the old system of bookmaking. Granting that it is so and that it is conducive to a little more quiet and orderliness, we can honestly say it is as pleasurable or as picturesque as the hustling, shouting crowds in the enclosure? There is a fascination in the listening to the strident voices of the bookies with their grey bowler hats and loud check suits, the shouting of odds and the watching of masses of excited and clamouring people of every condition and class. That is life. And in life is interest. Some of our best writers have written finely on the human side of the racecourse, and one of the most brilliant pen pictures on the subject ever given to a devouring public was drawn by Dickens in "The Old Curiosity Shop." What is there that can be written about a totalitarist? Can you weave a romance about it, or instill into its cold correctness the life and passion of a surging crowd of horse-voiced bookies, touts, bookers, or all the emotions natural to the old customs of the racecourse? What is there that can be written about a totalitarist? Can you weave a romance about it, or instill into its cold correctness the life and passion of a surging crowd of horse-voiced bookies, touts, bookers, or all the emotions natural to the old customs of the racecourse? What is there that can be written about it, or instill into its cold correctness the life and passion of a surging crowd of horse-voiced bookies, touts, bookers, or all the emotions natural to the old customs of the racecourse?

One no longer wonders at the cause of the house difficulty and the imposition of rents when refugees with money pour in from Canton intent on purchasing property much above its proper value. Or when a broker makes \$11,000 commission on the sale of one property, which is a very nice morning's work, thank you. It is also said that another large property, consisting of some scores of small dwellings is shortly to pass into the hands of Chinese. If that is so there will still more Europeans will be compelled to recompense the weary round of house-hunting, although it is well-nigh impossible to secure a home with the hope of a permanent stay in it. No sooner is the unfortunate European settled, than it is more likely that the property is bought up and out he goes. It is a bitter thought that British people in a British Colony are driven from pillar to post in this fashion, for all the world like refugees, instead of free born citizens of the Empire. In the name of fairness give every non-British section of the public its due, but do not carry out the desire to be just at the expense of our own people.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

VISIT OF CLEVER ARTISTES.

Visitors to the Repulse Bay Hotel have from time to time had the pleasure of seeing and hearing some really first-class artistes and the management has come in for quite a deal of congratulation on its efforts to provide the hotel patrons with entertainment over and above that regularly supplied by its orchestra. Last evening we were given the very pleasureable opportunity of being present at the dinner dance, at which Madame Balikovitch, of the Warsaw Opera House, and Mr. Paul Grey, a famous Russian baritone, were the specially engaged artistes.

As a classic dancer Madame Balikovitch is decidedly clever infusing artistry and novelty into her work. Her ballroom numbers were daintily descriptive and her powers of interpretation were particularly marked. She comes near to realising that poetry of motion which it is the aim of classic dancers to attain.

Mr. Paul Grey, who was very enthusiastically encored, has a powerful and highly trained baritone voice of ample register. Both in his lighter songs and in his heavier work he was heard to very distinct advantage and, without being fulsome, it can be said that Hongkong has seldom heard a better vocalist. In his concluding contribution, when Madame Balikovitch assisted in a very descriptive dance, his dramatic powers were fully brought out.

Opportunity to hear Mr. Paul Grey is being provided at the Repulse Bay Hotel on Saturday evening (when Madame Balikovitch will again appear) and also on Sunday afternoon when he will contribute to a semi-sacred concert.

artificial, when we model ourselves on our correct machinery.

ARE WE DROWNED?

And so the Government continues its silence on the housing question in spite of the frequent voicings of the press in support of the amelioration of this urgent state of affairs. Possibly, the authorities are unconcerned as to the welfare of British subjects and are mainly concerned with the policy of the Foreign Office. In that case the time is coming when the majority of British people in the Colony will find living here an intolerable burden. Legislation, like everything else, if neglected and left without constant repair deteriorates and falls to pieces. And so it is, that unless the laws are constantly amended they become obsolete and useless. Then new measures are needed to replace them. The time is here now when new laws are wanted more urgently than ever they were, and something must be done on behalf of the greater part of the European population to remedy the congested residential quarters of the Colony. Not only should the Government stop the downward drift of Europeans to living in the midst of, and perform to mingle with, Asiatics, but a Fair Rents Bill should be introduced to protect householders and to prevent the present unhappy shortage of houses being taken advantage of by property owners to extort unfair rents.

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However, the Board is fully convinced that it has done its duty in so far as it could humanly be done to secure the vessel alongside the pier having regard to this unusual and extraordinary circumstance. Despite this all the Board

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INSPECTOR FISHER.

We desire to pay tribute to many friends of Service. Inspector F. Fisher, of the Sanitary Department, in wishing him long life and happiness on his retirement, which takes place to-morrow.

Inspector Fisher first joined the Colonial service in 1893 as Assistant Bailiff, of the Supreme Court, being appointed a Sanitary Inspector, the following year. His service with the Sanitary Department has been continuous ever since, be having held the positions of First-Class Inspector, Plague Inspector, and Senior Inspector, whilst he has also acted as Store Keeper.

Inspector Fisher, who is an old Volunteer and who served for many years with the local Volunteer Force, joined the Police Reserve during the war, holding the rank of Musketry Inspector. His services with the Police Reserve were recognised by his being included in the list of medalists.

MORPHINE.

A COURT DISCUSSION.</

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PAKHOI NOTES.

BANDITS ON THE WARPATH

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Pakhoi, October 6.

Since my last notes, on the 22nd September, on the situation in this territory, news has come daily from a town named Nam Hong, which is some 30 miles to the east of this place. Nam Hong is in the hands of outlaws and they have defeated the troops sent against them. They control a large stretch of territory and the place mentioned is the centre of their activities, whence they send out raiding parties in all directions. Their chief object is holding people for ransom. So far, the limit is fifty thousand dollars for a wealthy family which they carried off from the outskirts of Lim Chow city, and anything down to a live pig or a few chickens is accepted from the lower class people.

Anæmic people are easy victims to rheumatism, and on the other hand rheumatism rapidly thins the bloods, thus inducing anæmia. For anæmia and all the disorders arising therefrom Dr. Williams' pink pills for pale people have been the most famous remedy in the world for over thirty years. They are obtainable from dealers everywhere, and \$1.50 the bottle, \$8 for six bottles, from Dr. Williams' Medicines Co., 96 Szechuan Road, Shanghai. To-day is the best time to commence your own cure.

On the 30th September over one hundred prisoners were set free in Pakhoi and sent away. Many of them are supposed to be connected with the above-mentioned robbers and the object of setting them free is the fear of Pakhoi being attacked to release them.

The people in Lim Chow city have been warned by these outlaws that the city will be attacked in a few days, and this has caused them to get a move on, and many of them are coming here for safety.

The telegraph wire between Canton and Lim Chow city has been cut. Just after the foregoing had been written there was an outburst of fire-crackers throughout the town; this was to indicate that Kwangtung province had gained the day by complete independence. This took place in the midst of large numbers of

MOTOR NOTES.

MORE USEFUL HINTS.

The El Paso (Texas) Chamber of Commerce has caused some striking signs to be erected on dangerous roads for the benefit of motorists. One has a skull and cross-bones on it, accompanied by the words: "Road up this Hill is not Fool-Proof." Another reads: "Private Cemetery at Bottom of Hill for Reckless Drivers."

The life of your tires depends on the care you take of them. Give as much attention to them as you do to your engine, and the result will be less tire trouble, more mileage and greater comfort.

The chief cause for tire deterioration is lack of proper protection from sun and grease and grit. Against the action of the sun, a coating of liquid rubber to which whitening has been added will be found effective. Stir five pounds of whitening in a gallon of gasoline and add a quart of rubber cement. Apply this both inside and outside the tire.

Once a month, the wheels should be tested to see if they are in alignment. Being out of alignment causes a wobbling motion of the wheels, with the result that the tires are worn down fast by the side to side movement.

Just as you change your own shoes regularly, instead of wearing one pair until it gives out, you should change your tires at regular intervals. The spare is not merely for emergency. With proper care there would be fewer emergency calls and, under such conditions, the spare should take the place of the over-worked tire. It means longer life for all tires.

Cord tires with reinforced shoulders at the base, where the side comes in contact with the rim, is the latest design in tires. The top tread of these tires is almost straight across, giving a flat wearing surface and enabling the tire to wear down evenly across the tread.

New piston rings should be lapped in to fit the cylinder wall tightly and evenly. To do this first put the rings on the piston. Then move the assembly back and forth in the cylinder, using an abrasive mixture—emery powder and lubricating oil will do—to help seat the rings, until they bear evenly all around.

To keep the windshield clear in rainy weather, rub strong soap-suds from automobile soap over the glass and let the suds dry. This prevents formation of the drops that hinder clear vision in rain or mist.

Many cases of failure of wheel bearing have been found to be due to cleaning that part of the car with a strong pressure of water. Water, or corrosive substances in greases or oils etch the finely finished surfaces of balls and races on which the capacity and frictionless qualities of ball bearings are dependent.

There has just been placed on the market a speciality known as the Save-U-Petrol device, which consists simply of a thin metal plate having four curved vanes in its centre. It is fitted between the carburettor and the induction pipe, the projecting vanes pointing towards the engine. As the charge of gas and air is sucked through the vanes—at a speed said to approximate 150 miles an hour—they impart a rotary motion, and thus thoroughly mix the constituents before entering the combustion chamber. The advantages of thorough mixing will be obvious, and it is claimed, as the result of many tests, that a gain of 20 per cent. in mileage per gallon has shown as a minimum, with improvement in the general running of the engine and increased power on hills. The device is supplied in a number of sizes to fit every well-known make of carburettor.

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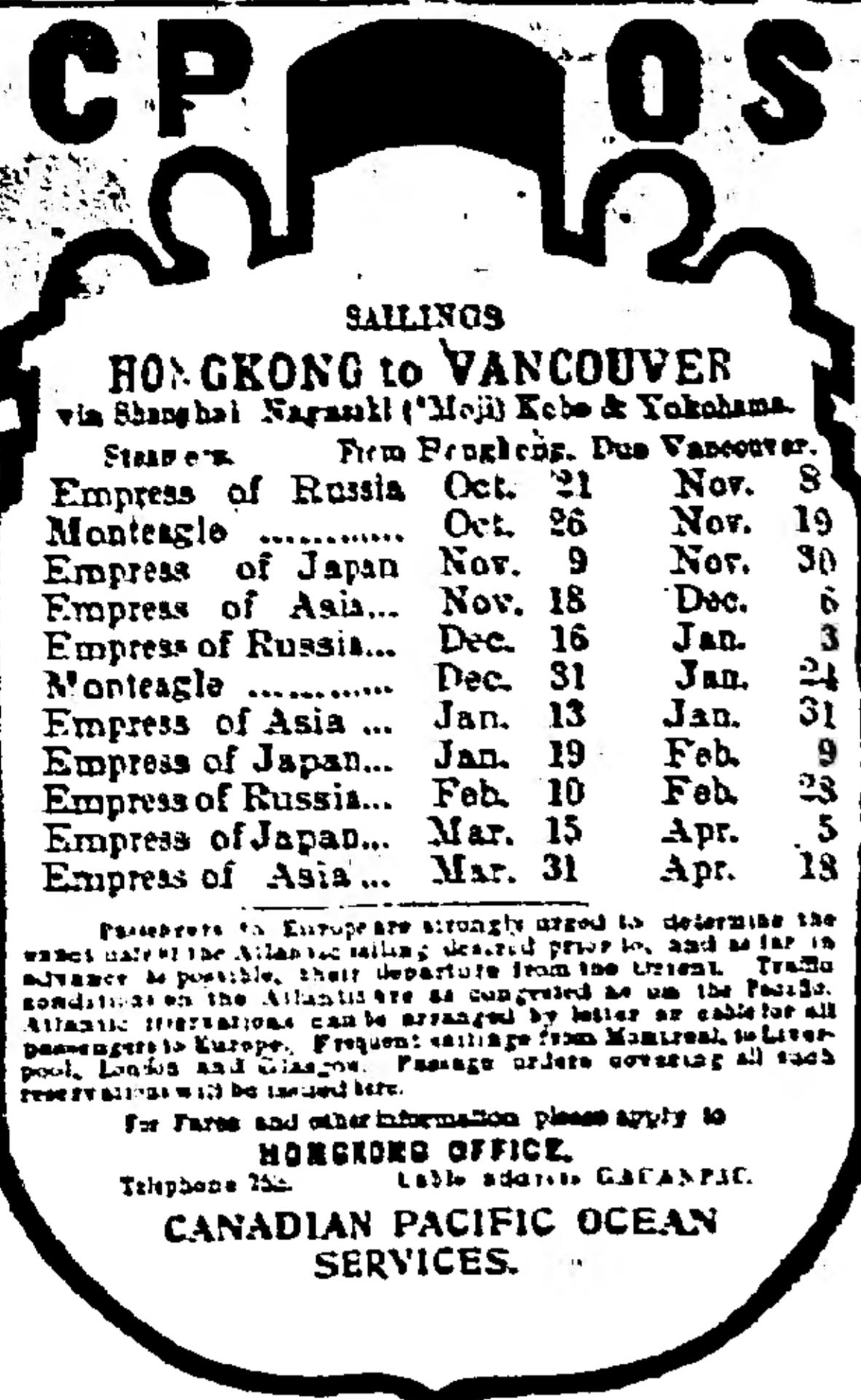
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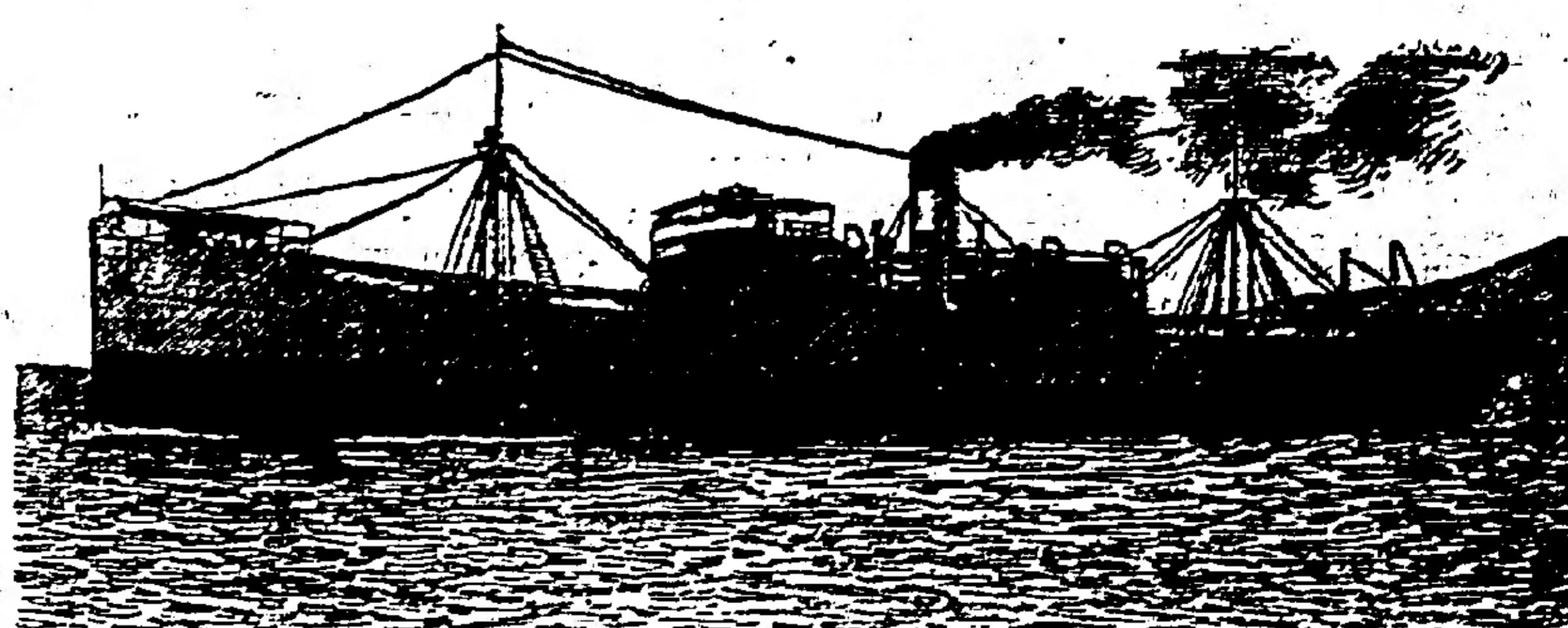
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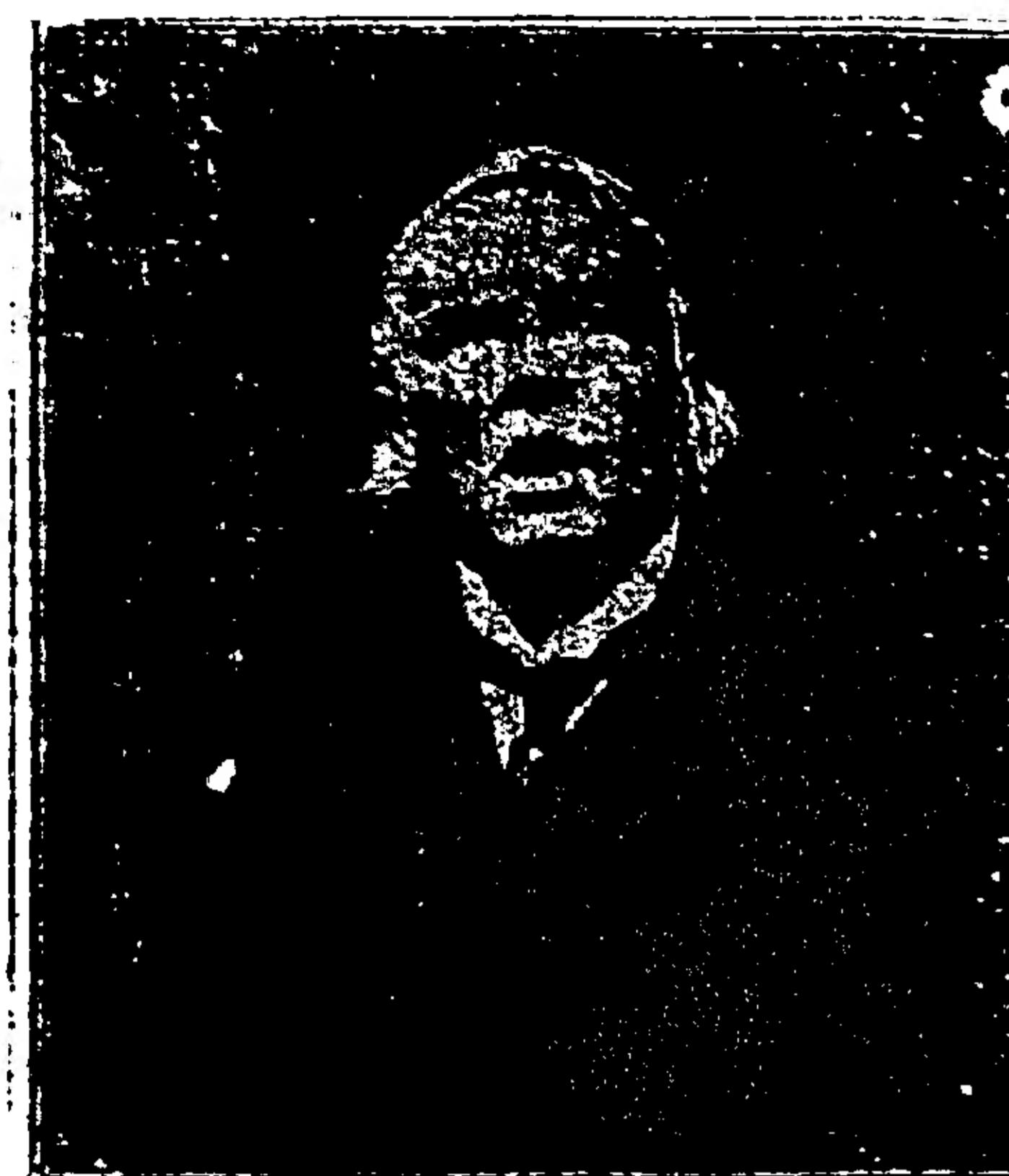
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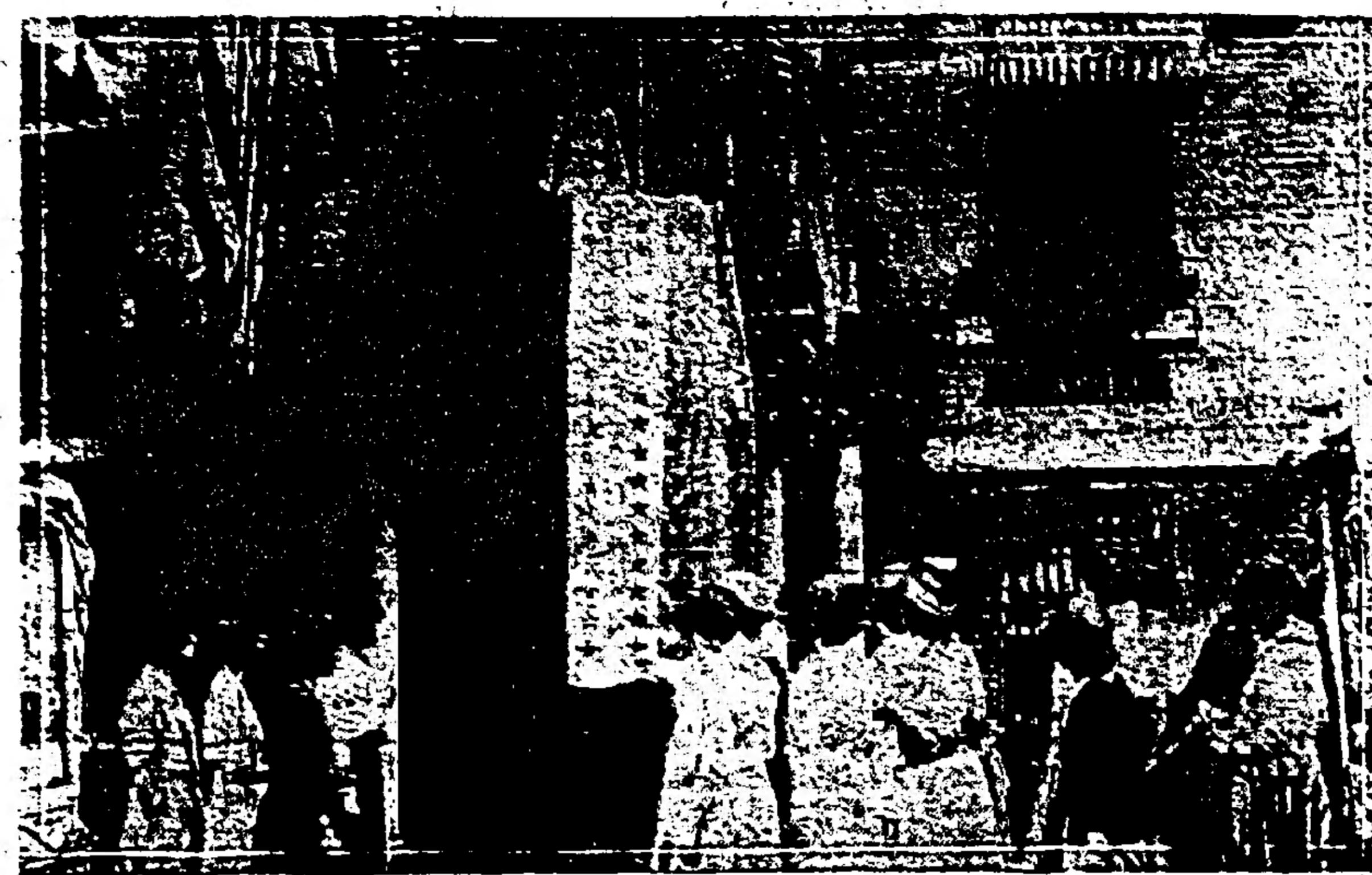


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A STRIKING SNAPSHOT.

Above Mr. Lloyd George is seen joining in the singing of the Battle Hymn of the Republic during the recent unveiling of the statue of Abraham Lincoln in London.



CELEBRATING WOMAN'S RIGHT TO VOTE.

Miss Alice Paul, Chairman of the National Woman's Party, unfurling banner at Washington headquarters as soon as the news of the Tennessee suffrage vote was received. The banner has thirty-six stars indicating the number of States that had ratified the national amendment pertaining to Women Suffrage.



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UNIVERSITY EXPANSION.

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These would be swollen by a further influx of students from beyond the seas. In consequence of the dark shadow thrown by the war over the civilisation of Germany, they were coming here instead of going to Vienna and Berlin. The American influx had already begun, and if the relations of the great Republic of the West continued to be as good as we wished larger figures would be reached before many seasons had passed. As research departments developed greater numbers of students from Canada, Australia, and South Africa would come. Another form of recruitment would be provided in time by the Education Act of 1918, and more particularly by the development of new secondary grant-aided schools.

There was no ground for suspecting that these more democratic and cosmopolitan tendencies were likely to weaken, but operations were seriously embarrassed by the ravages of war, and universities were experiencing grave financial difficulties. It was hoped that private munificence would supplement moderate State grants. Any tendency, said Mr. Fisher, against adventuring into unexplored regions must be resisted as a most deadly peril. Research and discovery were essential not only to the growth but to the maintenance of life and knowledge, but it was clear that to avoid waste we must avert unnecessary duplication of effort. Intellectual modesty, hospitable and open mind, the gift of self-measurement and self-criticism, innate consideration for others, a sense of perspective, the power of rising above pettiness, are amongst the qualities which university education should promote, but it is to universities we must also look for highly trained men of affairs as well as for leaders in every branch of professional life that we might hope for that liberal interfusion of human spirit, which was the breath of the highest form of education, into the industrial life of the country, which would help to mitigate the asperities with which the struggle between Capital and Labour was too often conducted.

Mr. Fisher, Minister of Education, addressing the British Association at Cardiff on "The universities in a national system of education," reviewed the present position of the universities, the functions they had to perform, and the obstacles which must be overcome.

The need of higher learning, he said, was never more real than to-day, and he invited consideration of the influences which universities exercised in promoting a spirit of liberal inquiry as opposed to the rigid and exclusive system of dogma, which centuries ago was the product of intolerant clericalism, and was now in modern democratic societies preached by revolutionary or class-conscious sects. One of the effects of the war had been greatly to strengthen the spirit of equality among different classes. A reason why Parliament, with the consent of the country during the war, voted large additional sums for the promotion of national education was the feeling that the community of knowledge was the only form of communism to which no objection could be taken.

If it were the cardinal requirements of modern civilisation that careers should be open to all talent, it followed that the universities should play a much larger part in the life of the people than historical accidents had assigned to them. The process of enlargement was going on. Families which had never dreamt of sending representatives to the university were now regarding a university career as well within the scope of their ambitions. Universities had long ceased to limit their activities to the education of schoolmasters, lawyers, and clergymen. All these tendencies had greatly increased as a result of the war. The Government scheme for the assistance of ex-service men would also exert a permanent influence on the history of university development. More than 25,000 ex-service men were now undergoing some form of higher education in universities and colleges, with the assistance of Government grants, the great majority being children of parents who, without State assist-

UNIVERSITY EXPANSION.

The country, continued Mr. Fisher, needed more teachers for universities, secondary schools, continuation schools, and elementary schools. Was it too much to say that the quality of the education given to the rising generation would depend on the extent to which the universities were enabled to print their impress upon those teachers? He looked to the universities to provide a far greater proportion of the teaching profession than had been the case. It was, he feared, out of the question that all elementary school teachers should pass through a degree course, but special courses might be arranged for picked teachers of both sexes. Then would it not be possible for universities to make themselves responsible for some instruction in continuation schools? University extension lectures were valuable and the summer meeting had the possibility of becoming for England what the Eisteddfod was for Wales.

AGAINST NEW UNIVERSITIES.

He did not deny that great development in university power was needed in this country, but it would be an ill day for British education if the country were covered with a large number of weak-degree giving institutions, ill-furnished with teachers and equipment, and undercutting one another in the standard of requirements for a comparatively worthless academic label. He doubted whether much would be gained by the erection of new universities. It would be better policy to strengthen and perfect those in existence. A university should give to all falling within its range of influence the notion of learning as a thing worth pursuing for its own sake, as a possession valuable to the polity itself and as one of the highest ends which presented themselves to the efforts and aspirations of mankind.

Mr. Frank Fletcher, of Charterhouse, spoke on "Public schools in a national system of education." These schools, he contended, did national work but could hardly be counted as part of a national system, though they were drawing more and more into touch with it.

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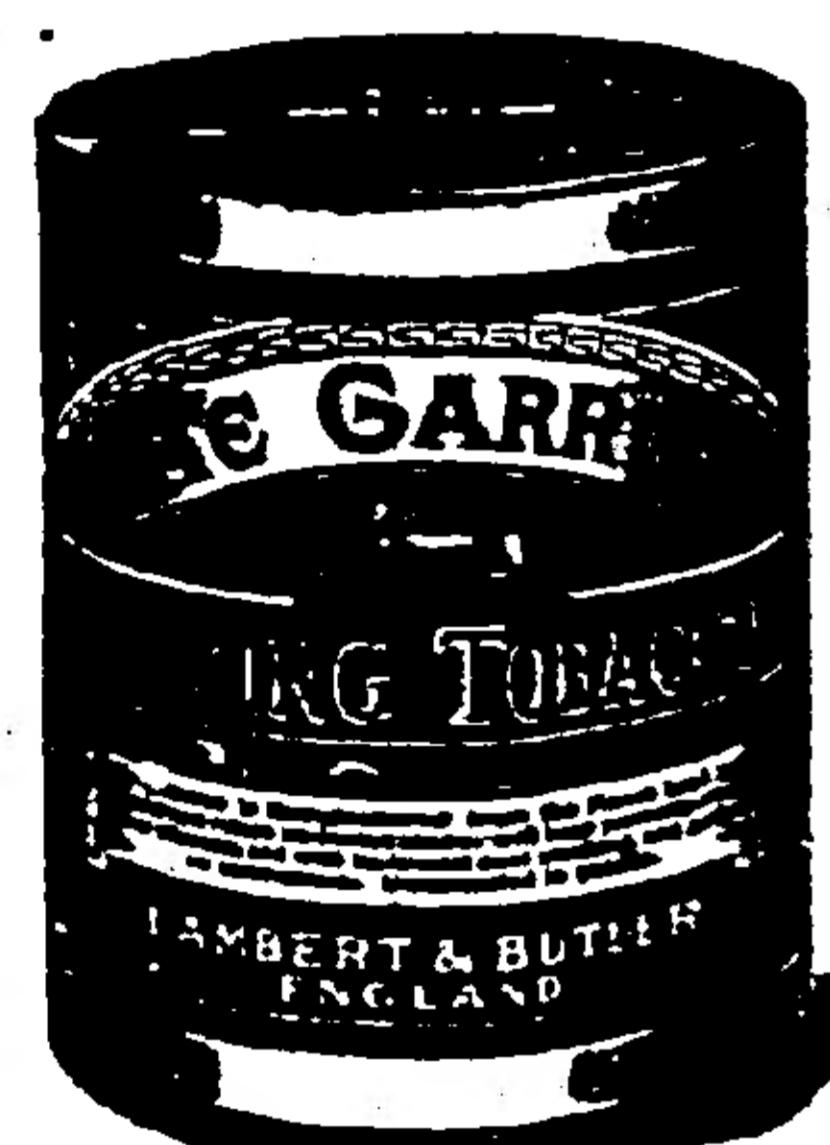
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Hongkong. Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 98.32 inches, against an average of 78.99 inches.

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